

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed December 1, 2006 (the "Office Action"). As of the date of the Office Action, claims 43-57 and 59-64 were pending in this application. Claims 43-53 were previously withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 54, 55, 58, 59 and 62-64 have been cancelled without prejudice in this amendment. New independent claim 65 has been added in this amendment to positively recite a computer implemented system promoting inventions over the Internet communications network. Dependent claims 56, 57, 60 and 61 have been amended to depend from new claim 65, and which contain positively recited claim language as suggested by the Examiner.

Section 103 Rejection

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 54-57 and 59-64 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,970,477 to Roden ("Roden"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. With respect to the rejection as applied to claims 54, 55, 59 and 62-64, Applicant submits that the rejection is rendered moot as these claims have been cancelled without prejudice in this amendment. With respect to the rejection as applied to dependent claims 56-57, and 60-61, Applicant submits that Roden does not disclose or suggest a computer implemented system promoting inventions over the Internet communications network as recited in Applicant's new claim 65, and claims 56-57 and 60-61 depending therefrom. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully request that the rejections under Section 103 be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record and respectfully request allowance of these claims.

Request for Interview

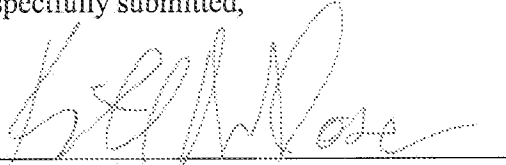
Applicant believes that an interview will serve to clarify any specific questions/issues the Examiner may have and will serve to advance the prosecution of the application. Applicant will contact the Examiner in the next several weeks to determine a suitable time in which the interview may be conducted.

Conclusion

To the extent that any further fees are required during the pendency of this Application, including petition fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16

or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 07-0153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and reference Attorney Docket No. 125446-1001. In the event that any additional time is needed for this filing, or any additional time in excess of that requested in a petition for an extension of time, please consider this a petition for an extension of time for any needed extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 or any other section or provision of Title 37. Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner grant any such petition and authorize the Commissioner to charge the Deposit Account referenced above. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account. This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. R. Glaser', is written over a horizontal line.

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